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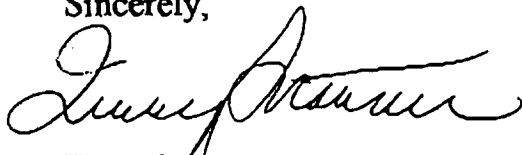
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue has been dragged out long enough and should be put to rest. A settlement is available and the terms are fair. The government should accept the settlement and move on.

Many people think that Microsoft has gotten off easy, in fact they have not. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The company agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, simply to put the issue behind them. Microsoft will, for example, now share use a uniform price list when licensing Windows.

Microsoft has given up much, now the government needs to stop its over regulation. Microsoft and the industry need to move forward. The only way to move forward is to put the issue in the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



Terry Starnes